

## ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY

### MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE IN NEWARK

February 1998

Members present: Noemí Velázquez, Carlos Alma, Yessenia Correa, Henry Cruz-Pumarejo, Mercedes Del Valle Rana, Pablo Muñoz, Glenda Nieves, Amibal Ramos, Jr., Gilbert Rivera, Hector Ortiz, and Rolando Velázquez

Staff Present: William Colón, Executive Director

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Noemí Velázquez at 6:45 pm.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Velázquez moved to accept the Agenda with modifications, and Ms. Rivera seconded the motion. The Agenda was accepted by unanimous consensus.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ortiz moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Velázquez seconded. The Minutes were accepted by unanimous consensus.

#### III. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Velázquez presented the Chairperson's report with discussion of the following items:

- Ms. Velazquez re-iterated the importance of preparing for the ASPIRA Luncheon. She also informed the board that she attended various meetings with individuals from Jersey City and their involvement with and commitment to ASPIRA.
- Ms. Velazquez also informed the Board that she will represent ASPIRA of NJ at the annual National Board Meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> which will be held in Newark. She asked if the board had any immediate issues which they wished to raise to the National Board.

#### IV. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Colón presented the Executive Director's Report with a discussion of the following items:

- A number of resolutions were discussed and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors
  1. Resolution approving the extension of CBDG monies in the city of Trenton.
    - \*Mr. Velázquez moved to approve the resolution, and Ms. Calderon seconded this motion.
  2. Resolution accepting monies from the city of Newark for construction in the infant day care center.
    - \*Mr. Velazquez moved to approve the resolution, and Ms. Del Valle seconded the motion.

- Mr. Colón informed the Board that he was investigating the specifics regarding charter schools. He stressed that the charter school was considered a separate entity and requires a separate board. He outlined the benefits and negatives of establishing a charter school. He stated that July 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for charter school information submission.
- A committee was established consisting of Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Munoz, Mr. Calderon, and Ms. Correa.
- Mr. Colon stated that *El Clarin* still needed to be edited and printed.
- Mr. Colon informed the board that an on-site visit was scheduled by Prudential for February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Colon informed the Board that he made some salary adjustments within the staff, and Ms. Velazquez requested a copy of the salary scale and organizational chart.

## VI. Committee Reports

The Vice-Chairpersons reported on committee activities:

### 1) ASAB

- Ms. Nieves reported that the students attended the Alladin on Inc activity at the Meadowlands. She also informed the board that a number of students received awards from the Scholarship Foundation at an activity conducted at the Robert Treat Hotel.

### 2) Development

- Dr. Del-Valle Rana reported that no speaker had been identified for the Luncheon. Mr. Colon stated that a total of \$17,000 in ads were sold for the journal. The total number of tickets sold at this point were 93. Dr. Del-Valle Rana suggested that the following individuals be honored at this event: Dr. Thomas Ortiz, Honorable Luis Quintana, William Sanchez, Luis Lopez, and Dr. Carlos Hernandez.

### 3) Treasurer

- Mr. Velázquez, the Board Treasurer, reminded everyone to pay their Board dues.

### 4) Public Relations

- Ms. Correa stated that she was working diligently at organizing the opening of the Jersey City ASPIRA Center. Also, she taken an active role in developing and publishing *El Clarin* on a regular basis. For more information on this committee's activities, please see Ms. Correa's report.

### 5) Personnel

Mr. Calderon stressed the importance of getting new members on the Board of Directors. Mr. Colon suggested that a letter be written to the New Jersey Bar Association for possible candidates.

## VII. Adjournment

Mr. Ortiz moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Rivera seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.